

## I- INTRODUCTION

### A. FUNCTIONS OF THE IPA

On September 13, 2002, the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), will celebrate its ninth anniversary. The IPA continues to be focused on its mission of providing an independent review of the citizen complaint process in an effort to increase accountability and public satisfaction with services provided by the San Jose Police Department (SJPd).

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) has four primary functions:

- (1) it serves as an alternate office where people may file a complaint,
- (2) it monitors and audits the investigations of citizen complaints conducted by the SJPd,
- (3) it promotes public awareness of a person's right to file a complaint, and
- (4) it makes policy recommendations.

### B. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

The San Jose City Council directed the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) to begin providing mid-year reports in addition to annual reports. This report covers the activity of the first six months of the 2002 calendar year and complies with the reporting requirements outlined in the San Jose Municipal Code Section 2.06.020 (c). This section mandates that the IPA's report contain, but not be limited to the following:

- 1- A statistical analysis documenting the number of complaints by category, the number of

complaints sustained, and the actions taken;

- 2 - An analysis of trends and patterns; and
- 3 - Specific recommendations for change.

### C. CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT

This report is intended to provide a brief update in three areas: statistics, recommendations, and updates on prior recommendations. The information covered in this report will be included and expounded on, in a comprehensive year-end report detailing all the activity of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) for the 2002 calendar year.

### Mission

*The Independent Police Auditor's mission is to provide an independent review and to promote public awareness of the citizen complaint process; thereby, increasing greater police accountability by the San José Police Department.*